

THE NEW CHURCH IS DEDICATED

Cabell Street Congregation Set Apart As a Sanctuary.

A Splendid Discourse On the
Pre-eminence of Christ .
Other Services.

fall day never dawned than this has been, and all Danville and much of the surrounding country turned out to hear the Methodist ministers of the Virginia Conference preach. There were overflowing congregations at every church in the city both morning and night. Of course, the largest crowd went to Main Street M. E. Church, the seat of conference, to hear the eloquent presiding bishop. Hundreds were unable to get seats, and had to go to other churches. Bishop Granbery, who preached at the Epiphany Episcopal Church in the morning, had another overflowing congregation also. In the afternoon Bishop Gannaway preached the sermon at the dedication of the new Cabell Street Memorial Church, which is one of the largest Methodist congregations in the State. The church is a comparatively new one, having been organized a little less than ten years ago. The congregation outgrew its large church building on Cabell Street, and the new church is a splendid and commodious edifice on Columbus Street.

The building was completed before the corner-stone was laid, a hole in the wall being left for that purpose. The corner-stone was laid, or rather inserted, last Friday, Bishop Granbery delivering the address, and then the completed building was dedicated to the service of God, Bishop Galloway preaching the dedicatory sermon.

Dedicatory Exercises.

The exercises were of a very interesting character, and the service was attended by nearly every member of conference and fully 2,000 other people. Rev. Dr. John Hannon is the present pastor in charge of this flourishing church. Bishop Caldwell was at Main Street Church this morning was declared by the large congregation who heard it to have been one of the ablest and most eloquent ever delivered in that church.

Pre-eminence of Christ.

His text was a clause of the eighteenth verse of the first chapter of Colossians: "That in all things he might be pre-eminent." The theme so suggested was unfolded by the speaker in the pre-eminence of Christ—pre-eminent in nature, pre-eminent as a man, as a citizen, as a

teacher, and in his nearness to God. Such pre-eminence was necessary in order that He might bring God to man and man to God. He was the one who made it plain that He was a teacher and leader for all conditions and all ages. His pre-eminence was and is universal and eternal. Looking down the ages, He became the teacher of generations unborn, and it is a thing to-day as it was nineteen centuries ago, and as adaptable to the conditions and the men of to-day as to the conditions and the men as they existed then, and this will be true as long as there is a human condition. It is true, and had to be true in order that salvation might be everlasting and universal. At the close of

the morning sermon the following class were ordained elders: E. J. Nicholson, J. J. Gregory, Kenneth M. Mears and C. O. Tuttle.

After the night sermon by Dr. Lathan at the Calvary M. E. Church at Northside, the following were ordained elders: J. E. McCartney, H. J. Paylor, N. R. Smith, H. C. Gregory, J. J. Bradford, T. J. C. Heath, J. F. Carey, E. I. Peerman, J. E. Brooks, S. O. Wright and W. H. Keyser.

It is now almost a settled fact that Conference will adjourn Tuesday night.

NO HUMAN SOUL YET IN HEAVEN

Rev. W. H. H. Powers, Preaching
at St. Paul's, Declares the
Intermediate Place.

The services in St. Paul's Episcopal

church yesterday were conducted by the Rev. W. H. H. Powers, of Towson, Md. who was once, it is said, "a Richmond boy." His sermon in the morning was a beautiful exposition of the doctrine concerning "the place of the departed" (the human soul).

spirits, in the position of the angels, to the Great Assize—the Judgment Day. No human soul, Mr. Powers explained, has ever yet reached heaven, or hell, or any other human soul ever yet gone to its final place of punishment. All the beings who have lived on earth are now awaiting the day when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed.

At night, Mr. Powers said, a man thinketh in his heart, "I will be a man of peace," and pressed the argument that he had made, and then, when he comes to the day of judgment, that, upon the training of his heart depends all character, and all the things that he has done upon the choice of his heart. The soul's happiness throughout eternity, it is a fatal mistake, he said, to suppose that a man believes what he says, and that he is responsible for what he says. It is not what he says, but what he believes, that is responsible for his actions. He is responsible for what he believes, and according as he accepts or rejects the right way, he will be judged.

Mr. Powers is not only an excellent preacher, but a man of great power and influence in the service. This, to many

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